STATUS OF TEACHERS IN REGARD TO CERTIFICATES.

The table below gives a summary of the position with regard to the number of primary-school teachers holding teachers' certificates in the last three years:—

PRIMARY TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

| | 1921. | | 1922. | | 1923. | |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Number. | Per- centage. | Number. | Per- centage. | Number. | Per- centage |
| I. Certificated teachers | 3,924 | 75 | 4,231 | 78 | 4,556 | 81 |
| II. Uncertificated teachers— (1.) Holding licenses (2.) Unlicensed | 139 1,197 | 3 22 | 74 11 6 0 | 1 21 | $78 \\ 1,022$ | 1 18 |
| Total uncertificated | 1,336 | 25 | 1,234 | 22 | 1,100 | 19 |
| Totals of I and II | 5,260 | 100 | 5,465 | 100 | 5,656 | 100 |

The numbers of teachers holding certificates of the various classes in 1922 and 1923 were as follows:—

| | | | | | 1922. | | 1923. | | | |
|----|--------------|---------------------|--|-------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------|--------|--|
| | Class of Cer | rtili ca te. | | м. | F. | Total. | М. | F . | Total. | |
| Α. | | | | 43 | 8 | 51 | 44 | 5 | 49 | |
| 3 | | | | 260 | 113 | 373 | 282 | 1 3 9 | 421 | |
|) | | | | 778 | 1,235 | 2,013 | 81 2 | 1,467 | 2,279 | |
|) | | | | 429 | 1,183 | 1,612 | 43 9 | 1.206 | 1,645 | |
| C | • • | | | 28 | 154 | 182 | 22 | 140 | 162 | |
| | Total | | | 1,538 | 2,693 | 4,231 | 1,599 | 2,957 | 4,556 | |

TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

The numbers of students in training in the four training colleges at the end of 1923 was as follows, the figures for the previous year being also given for comparison:—

| G. II | | 1922. | | 1923. | | | |
|--------------|---|-------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| College. | | Men. | Women. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Total. |
| Auckland | . | 97 | 254 | 351 | 122 | 247 | 369 |
| Wellington | | 79 | 197 | 276 | 66 | 224 | 290 |
| Christchurch | | 71 | 172 | 243 | 78 | 183 | 261 |
| Dunedin | | 76 | 205 | 281 | 83 | 199 | 282 |
| Totals | | 323 | 828 | 1,151 | 349 | 853 | 1,202 |

The number of students who completed their course in 1923 was 635, and their examination status was as under: Class A certificate, 6; Class B certificate, 25; Class C certificate, 402; Class D and partial C, 96; Class D, 7; Partial pass, 98; no examination, 1.

The number in attendance this year is 1,270, of whom 391 are men and 879 are women. The new entrants in 1923 numbered 667, of whom 28 per cent. were males, while this year there were 722 new entrants, 34 per cent. of whom were males.